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SUBJECT: CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR NATO CONSULTATIONS ON HUMAN
RIGHTS AND CSCE

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR JUNE 28, O.A.
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CHISTOFF, CSCE COORDINATOR IN DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS, SHED SOME ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON WHY CANADIANS ARE
SEEKING FURTHER ALLIED CONSULTATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN
CSCE CONTEXT. CHISTOFF ASSERTED THAT, IN CANADIAN VIEW,
ALLIES HAVE SPENT MUCH TIME DISCUSSING PROCEDURAL ASPECTS
OF BELGRADE BUT NOT ENOUGH ATTENTION HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES, PARTICULARLY HUMAN RIGHTS. FOR

EXAMPLE, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO ASK FOR IN OUR OPENING STATEMENTS? HOW TOUGH OR HOW MODERATE ARE WE GOING TO BE? WHAT EXACTLY DO WE WANT TO SEE COME OUT OF BELGRADE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE? HOW FAR CAN WE PUSH THE SOVIETS AND THE EASTERN EUROPEANS WITHOUT TURNING THEM OFF COMPLETELY. ARE WE PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES, OR FREER FLOW OF INFORMATION BETWEEN EAST AND WEST? WHAT ARE THE WESTERN PRIORITIES ON THESE MATTERS?

2. THESE ARE THE KINDS OF QUESTIONS, ACCORDING TO CHISTOFF, WHICH DISTURB THE GOC AND ON WHICH IT BELIEVES THERE HAS BEEN INADEQUATE CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION OF POSITIONS AMONG NATO MEMBERS. CHISTOFF STATED THAT HARDY'S REMARK AT JUNE 21 PERMREPS LUNCH WERE BY NO MEANS DIRECTED AT U.S. AND THAT GOC CERTAINLY HAS NO MONOPOLY ON ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO JUDGE TO WHAT EXTENT THESE MATTERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN COVERED IN PREVIOUS CONSULTATIONS, BUT WE BELIEVE CANADIANS ARE SINCERE IN BELIEVING THERE IS NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ALLIED DISCUSSIONS.
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